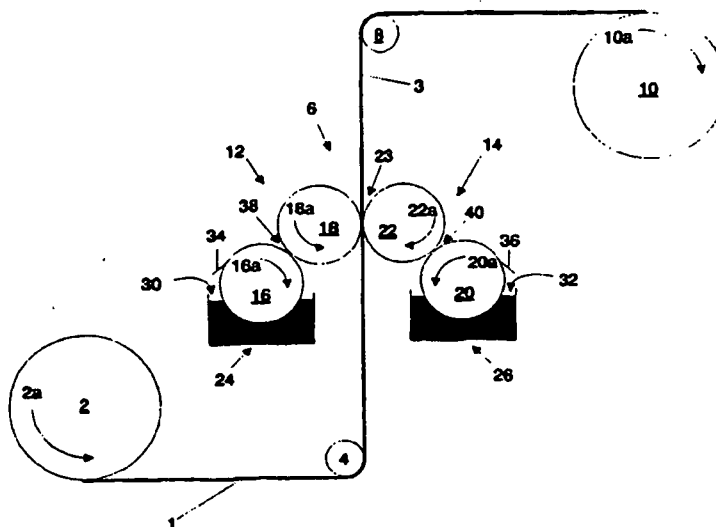


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(54) Title: LOTION COMPOSITION FOR IMPARTING SOFT, LUBRICIOUS FEEL TO TISSUE PAPER**(57) Abstract**

A lotion composition for imparting a soft, lubricious, lotion-like feel when applied to tissue paper in amounts as low as from 5 to about 15 % by weight. The lotion composition comprises plastic or fluid emollient such as petrolatum, or a mixture of petrolatum with alkyl ethoxylate emollient, an agent such as sorbitan stearates or N-cocoyl, N-methyl glucamide to immobilize the emollient on the surface of the tissue paper web and optionally a hydrophilic surfactant to improve wettability when applied to toilet tissue. Because less lotion is required to impart the desired soft, lotion-like feel benefits, detrimental effects on the tensile strength and caliper of the lotioned paper are minimized or avoided.

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LOTION COMPOSITION FOR
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FEEL TO TISSUE PAPER

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TECHNICAL FIELD

15 This application relates to lotion compositions for imparting a soft, lubricious feel to tissue paper. This application further relates to tissue paper treated with such lotion compositions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 Cleansing the skin is a personal hygiene problem not always easily solved. Of course, the common procedure of washing the skin with soap and water works well, but at times may be either unavailable or inconvenient to use. While soap and water could be used to clean the perianal region after defecation for example, such a procedure would be extremely burdensome.

25 Dry tissue products are therefore the most commonly used post-defecation anal cleansing product. These dry tissue products are usually referred to as "toilet tissue" or "toilet paper."

30 The perianal skin is marked by the presence of fine folds and wrinkles (sulci) and by hair follicles, both of which make the perianal region one of the more difficult anatomical areas to cleanse. During defecation, fecal matter is excreted through the anus and tends to accumulate in hard to reach locations such as around the base of hairs and in the sulci of the skin's surface. As the fecal matter dehydrates upon exposure to the air, or upon contact with an absorbent cleansing implement such as tissue paper, it adheres more

35 tenaciously to the skin and hair, thus making subsequent removal of the remaining dehydrated soil even more difficult.

Failure to remove fecal matter from the anal area can have a deleterious effect on personal hygiene. The fecal matter remaining on the skin after post-defecation cleansing has a high bacterial and viral content, is malodorous and is generally dehydrated. These characteristics increase the likelihood of perianal disorders and cause personal discomfort (e.g., itching, irritation, chafing, etc.). Further, the residual fecal matter stains undergarments and causes unpleasant odors to emanate from the anal region. Thus, the consequences of inadequate perianal cleansing are clearly unattractive.

For those individuals suffering from anal disorders such as pruritis ani, hemorrhoids, fissures, cryptitis, or the like, the importance of adequate perianal cleansing takes on heightened significance. Perianal disorders are usually characterized by openings in the skin through which the bacteria and viruses in the residual fecal matter can readily enter. Those people afflicted with anal disorders must, therefore, achieve a high degree of perianal cleansing after defecation or risk the likely result that their disorders will be aggravated by the bacteria and viruses remaining on the skin.

At the same time anal disorder sufferers face more severe consequences from insufficient post defecation cleaning, they have greater difficulty in achieving a satisfactory level of soil removal. Anal disorders generally render the perianal region extremely sensitive and attempts to remove fecal matter from this region by wiping with even normal wiping pressure causes pain and can further irritate the skin. Attempts to improve soil removal by increasing the wiping pressure can result in intense pain. Conversely, attempts to minimize discomfort by reducing the wiping pressure result in an increased amount of residual fecal matter left on the skin.

Conventional toilet tissue products used for anal cleaning are essentially dry, high density tissue papers that rely exclusively on mechanical processes to remove fecal matter from the perianal skin. These conventional products are rubbed against the perianal skin, typically with a pressure of about 1 psi (7 kilopascals) and basically scrape or abrade the fecal matter from the skin. After the first few wipes, the upper portion of the soil layer is removed because the wiping process is able to overcome the soil-soil cohesive forces that exist within the fecal matter. A cleavage is thereby created in the soil layer itself with the upper portion of the fecal layer being removed and the lower portion of the soil remaining adhered to the perianal skin.

Conventional tissue products are absorbent and with each successive wipe the fecal matter becomes increasingly dehydrated, causing it to adhere more tenaciously to the perianal skin and hair and making its removal difficult in the extreme. Pressing the tissue forcefully against the perianal skin will
5 remove more of the fecal matter but is intensely painful for people suffering from anal disorders and can excoriate even normal perianal skin, potentially causing irritation, inflammation, pain, bleeding, and infection.

Irritation and inflammation potentially caused by the use of tissue products is not limited to toilet tissue. Facial tissue products used to wipe and
10 remove nasal discharges associated with colds, flu and allergies can also cause such problems. In addition to difficulties in breathing, seeing, and talking, an individual afflicted with these disorders frequently has a sore and irritated nose. The nose, as well as the surrounding tissue, e.g., upper lip area, are often red and inflamed to the extent of becoming painful in extreme cases.

15 This irritation, inflammation and redness can have several causes. A prime one is, of course, the sheer necessity of frequently blowing one's nose into the tissue, and wiping the resultant nasal discharge from the nose and surrounding area. The degree of irritation and inflammation caused by such blowing and wiping is directly proportional to: (1) the surface roughness of
20 the tissue used; and (2) the number of times the nose and its surrounding areas are in contact with the tissue. A tissue that is relatively weak or relatively nonabsorbent requires a greater number of contacts with the face than a stronger or more absorbent tissue that is able to contain a greater quantity of nasal discharge.

25 There have been numerous previous attempts to reduce the abrasive effect of toilet and facial tissues and to increase their softness impression. One common approach is by mechanical processing. By using particular processing steps during papermaking, toilet and facial tissue products can be made that are softer and less irritating. Examples of tissue products that are
30 mechanically processed to be softer are shown in U.S. Patent 4,300,981 (Carstens), issued November, 17, 1981, as well as the various patents discussed in its specification.

Besides mechanical processing, others have applied emollients, salves, cleansing agents, and the like to tissue products to enhance not only the
35 cleaning of the skin but also to reduce irritation and inflammation. This reduction in irritation and inflammation is typically achieved through either the lubricity of the substance applied to the tissue or through the therapeutic

action of the substance itself. This approach is illustrated in U.S. Patent 4,112,167 (Dake et al) issued September, 5, 1978, particularly in regard to toilet tissues. See also in U.S. Patent 3,896,807 (Buchalter), issued July 29, 1975 and in U.S. Patent 3,814,096 (Weiss et al), issued June 4, 1974 for
5 other examples of this approach.

One substance that has been applied as a lotion to tissue products to impart a soothing, lubricious feel is mineral oil. Mineral oil (also known as liquid petrolatum) is a mixture of various liquid hydrocarbons obtained by distilling the high-boiling (i.e., 300°-390°C) fractions in petroleum. Mineral
10 oil is liquid at ambient temperatures, e.g. 20°-25°C. As a result, mineral oil is relatively fluid and mobile, even when applied to tissue products

Because mineral oil is fluid and mobile at ambient temperatures, it tends not to remain localized on the surface of the tissue, but instead migrates throughout. Accordingly, relatively high levels of mineral need to be applied
15 to the tissue to provide the desired softness and lotion-like feel benefits. These levels can be as high as about 22-25 wt. % of the tissue product. This leads not only to increased costs for these lotioned tissue products, but other detrimental effects as well.

One of these detrimental effects is a decrease in tensile strength of the tissue product. As mineral oil migrates to the interior of the tissue, it tends to
20 act as a debonding agent, thus decreasing the tensile strength of the product. This debonding effect becomes more pronounced as the level of mineral oil applied is increased. Increasing the level of mineral oil applied can also adversely affect the caliper of the tissue product.

Even without increasing its level, the tendency of mineral oil to migrate once applied has other detrimental effects. For example, the applied mineral oil can transfer to, into and through the packaging or wrapper material for the lotioned toilet tissue product. This can create the need for barrier-type
25 packaging or wrapper films to avoid smearing or other leakage of mineral oil from the tissue product.
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Accordingly, it would be desirable to provide lotioned tissue products that: (1) have a desirable soothing, lubricious feel; (2) do not require relatively high levels of mineral oil; (3) do not adversely affect the tensile strength and caliper of the product; and (4) do not require special wrapping or
35 barrier materials for packaging.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a lotion composition that is semisolid or solid at ambient temperatures (i.e., at 20°C) and imparts a soft, lubricious, lotion-like feel when applied to tissue paper. This lotion composition comprises:

- 5 (A) from about 20 to about 95% of a substantially water free emollient having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C and comprising a member selected from petroleum-based emollients, fatty acid ester emollients, alkyl ethoxylate emollients, and mixtures thereof; and
- 10 (B) from about 5 to about 80% of an agent capable of immobilizing the emollient on the surface of tissue paper treated with the lotion composition, the immobilizing agent having a melting point of at least about 40°C and comprising a member selected from
- 15 polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, polyhydroxy fatty acid amides, and mixtures thereof, wherein the polyhydroxy moiety of the ester or amide has at least two free hydroxy groups; and
- 20 (C) optionally from about 2 to about 50% of a hydrophilic surfactant having an HLB value of at least about 7.

The present invention further relates to lotioned tissue papers wherein the lotion composition is applied to at least one surface thereof in an amount of from about 2 to about 20% by weight of the dried tissue paper. Lotioned tissue papers according to the present invention have a desirable, lubricious, lotion-like feel. Because the emollient is substantially immobilized on the surface of the tissue paper, less lotion composition is needed to impart the desired soft, lotion-like feel. As a result, the detrimental effects on the tensile strength and caliper of the tissue caused by prior mineral oil-containing lotions can be avoided. In addition, special barrier or wrapping materials are unnecessary in packaging the lotioned tissue products of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 is a schematic representation illustrating a preferred process for applying the lotion composition of the present invention to tissue paper webs.

5 Figure 2 is a schematic representation illustrating an alternative process for applying the lotion composition of the present invention to tissue paper webs.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

10 As used herein, the term "comprising" means that the various components, ingredients, or steps, can be conjointly employed in practicing the present invention. Accordingly, the term "comprising" encompasses the more restrictive terms "consisting essentially of" and "consisting of."

15 All percentages, ratios and proportions used herein are by weight unless otherwise specified.

A. Tissue Papers

20 The present invention is useful with tissue paper in general, including but not limited to conventionally felt-pressed tissue paper; high bulk pattern densified tissue paper; and high bulk, uncompacted tissue paper. The tissue paper can be of a homogenous or multi-layered construction; and tissue paper products made therefrom can be of a single-ply or multi-ply construction. The tissue paper preferably has a basis weight of between about 10 g/m² and about 65 g/m², and density of about 0.6 g/cc or less. More preferably, the basis weight will be about 40 g/m² or less and the density will be about 0.3 g/cc or less. Most preferably, the density will be between about 0.04 g/cc and about 0.2 g/cc. See Column 13, lines 61-67, of U.S. Patent 5,059,282 (Ampulski et al), issued October 22, 1991, which describes how the density of tissue paper is measured. (Unless otherwise specified, all amounts and weights relative to the paper are on a dry basis.)

30 Conventionally pressed tissue paper and methods for making such paper are well known in the art. Such paper is typically made by depositing a papermaking furnish on a foraminous forming wire, often referred to in the art as a Fourdrinier wire. Once the furnish is deposited on the forming wire, it is referred to as a web. The web is dewatered by pressing the web and drying at elevated temperature. The particular techniques and typical equipment for making webs according to the process just described are well known to those

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skilled in the art. In a typical process, a low consistency pulp furnish is provided from a pressurized headbox. The headbox has an opening for delivering a thin deposit of pulp furnish onto the Fourdrinier wire to form a wet web. The web is then typically dewatered to a fiber consistency of
5 between about 7% and about 25% (total web weight basis) by vacuum dewatering and further dried by pressing operations wherein the web is subjected to pressure developed by opposing mechanical members, for example, cylindrical rolls. The dewatered web is then further pressed and dried by a steam drum apparatus known in the art as a Yankee dryer.
10 Pressure can be developed at the Yankee dryer by mechanical means such as an opposing cylindrical drum pressing against the web. Multiple Yankee dryer drums can be employed, whereby additional pressing is optionally incurred between the drums. The tissue paper structures that are formed are referred to hereafter as conventional, pressed, tissue paper structures. Such sheets are
15 considered to be compacted since the entire web is subjected to substantial mechanical compressional forces while the fibers are moist and are then dried while in a compressed state.

Pattern densified tissue paper is characterized by having a relatively high bulk field of relatively low fiber density and an array of densified zones of
20 relatively high fiber density. The high bulk field is alternatively characterized as a field of pillow regions. The densified zones are alternatively referred to as knuckle regions. The densified zones can be discretely spaced within the high bulk field or can be interconnected, either fully or partially, within the high bulk field. The patterns can be formed in a nonornamental configuration
25 or can be formed so as to provide an ornamental design(s) in the tissue paper. Preferred processes for making pattern densified tissue webs are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,301,746 (Sanford et al), issued January 31, 1967; U.S. Patent No. 3,974,025 (Ayers), issued August 10, 1976; and U.S. Patent No. 4,191,609 (Trokhan) issued March 4, 1980; and U.S. Patent 4,637,859
30 (Trokhan) issued January 20, 1987; all of which are incorporated by reference.

In general, pattern densified webs are preferably prepared by depositing a papermaking furnish on a foraminous forming wire such as a Fourdrinier wire to form a wet web and then juxtaposing the web against an array of supports. The web is pressed against the array of supports, thereby
35 resulting in densified zones in the web at the locations geographically corresponding to the points of contact between the array of supports and the wet web. The remainder of the web not compressed during this operation is

referred to as the high bulk field. This high bulk field can be further dedensified by application of fluid pressure, such as with a vacuum type device or a blow-through dryer, or by mechanically pressing the web against the array of supports. The web is dewatered, and optionally predried, in such a manner so as to substantially avoid compression of the high bulk field. This is preferably accomplished by fluid pressure, such as with a vacuum type device or blow-through dryer, or alternately by mechanically pressing the web against an array of supports wherein the high bulk field is not compressed. The operations of dewatering, optional predrying and formation of the densified zones can be integrated or partially integrated to reduce the total number of processing steps performed. Subsequent to formation of the densified zones, dewatering, and optional predrying, the web is dried to completion, preferably still avoiding mechanical pressing. Preferably, from about 8% to about 55% of the tissue paper surface comprises densified knuckles having a relative density of at least 125% of the density of the high bulk field.

The array of supports is preferably an imprinting carrier fabric having a patterned displacement of knuckles that operate as the array of supports that facilitate the formation of the densified zones upon application of pressure. The pattern of knuckles constitutes the array of supports previously referred to. Suitable imprinting carrier fabrics are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,301,746 (Sanford et al), issued January 31, 1967; U.S. Patent No. 3,821,068 (Salvucci et al), issued May 21, 1974; U.S. Patent No. 3,974,025 (Ayers), issued August 10, 1976; U.S. Patent No. 3,573,164 (Friedberg et al.), issued March 30, 1971; U.S. Patent No. 3,473,576 (Amneus), issued October 21, 1969; U.S. Patent No. 4,239,065 (Trokhan), issued December 16, 1980; and U.S. Patent No. 4,528,239 (Trokhan), issued July 9, 1985, all of which are incorporated by reference.

Preferably, the furnish is first formed into a wet web on a foraminous forming carrier, such as a Fourdrinier wire. The web is dewatered and transferred to an imprinting fabric. The furnish can alternately be initially deposited on a foraminous supporting carrier that also operates as an imprinting fabric. Once formed, the wet web is dewatered and, preferably, thermally predried to a selected fiber consistency of between about 40% and about 80%. Dewatering is preferably performed with suction boxes or other vacuum devices or with blow-through dryers. The knuckle imprint of the imprinting fabric is impressed in the web as discussed above, prior to drying the web to completion. One method for accomplishing this is through

application of mechanical pressure. This can be done, for example, by pressing a nip roll that supports the imprinting fabric against the face of a drying drum, such as a Yankee dryer, wherein the web is disposed between the nip roll and drying drum. Also, preferably, the web is molded against the imprinting fabric prior to completion of drying by application of fluid pressure with a vacuum device such as a suction box, or with a blow-through dryer. Fluid pressure can be applied to induce impression of densified zones during initial dewatering, in a separate, subsequent process stage, or a combination thereof.

10 Uncompacted, nonpattern-densified tissue paper structures are described in U.S. Patent No. 3,812,000 (Salvucci et al), issued May 21, 1974 and U.S. Patent No. 4,208,459 (Becker et al), issued June 17, 1980, both of which are incorporated by reference. In general, uncompacted, nonpattern-densified tissue paper structures are prepared by depositing a papermaking furnish on a foraminous forming wire such as a Fourdrinier wire to form a wet web, draining the web and removing additional water without mechanical compression until the web has a fiber consistency of at least about 80%, and creping the web. Water is removed from the web by vacuum dewatering and thermal drying. The resulting structure is a soft but weak, high bulk sheet of relatively uncompacted fibers. Bonding material is preferably applied to portions of the web prior to creping.

15 Compacted non-pattern-densified tissue structures are commonly known in the art as conventional tissue structures. In general, compacted, non-pattern-densified tissue paper structures are prepared by depositing a papermaking furnish on a foraminous wire such as a Fourdrinier wire to form a wet web, draining the web and removing additional water with the aid of a uniform mechanical compaction (pressing) until the web has a consistency of 25-50%, transferring the web to a thermal dryer such as a Yankee and creping the web. Overall, water is removed from the web by vacuum, mechanical pressing and thermal means. The resulting structure is strong and generally of singular density, but very low in bulk, absorbency and softness.

20 The papermaking fibers utilized for the present invention will normally include fibers derived from wood pulp. Other cellulosic fibrous pulp fibers, such as cotton linters, bagasse, etc., can be utilized and are intended to be within the scope of this invention. Synthetic fibers, such as rayon, polyethylene and polypropylene fibers, can also be utilized in combination with

natural cellulosic fibers. One exemplary polyethylene fiber that can be utilized is Pulpex®, available from Hercules, Inc. (Wilmington, Delaware).

Applicable wood pulps include chemical pulps, such as Kraft, sulfite, and sulfate pulps, as well as mechanical pulps including, for example,
5 groundwood, thermomechanical pulp and chemically modified thermomechanical pulp. Chemical pulps, however, are preferred since they impart a superior tactile sense of softness to tissue sheets made therefrom. Pulps derived from both deciduous trees (hereafter, also referred to as "hardwood") and coniferous trees (hereafter, also referred to as "softwood")
10 can be utilized. Also useful in the present invention are fibers derived from recycled paper, which can contain any or all of the above categories as well as other non-fibrous materials such as fillers and adhesives used to facilitate the original papermaking.

In addition to papermaking fibers, the papermaking furnish used to
15 make tissue paper structures can have other components or materials added thereto as can be or later become known in the art. The types of additives desirable will be dependent upon the particular end use of the tissue sheet contemplated. For example, in products such as toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues and other similar products, high wet strength is a desirable
20 attribute. Thus, it is often desirable to add to the papermaking furnish chemical substances known in the art as "wet strength" resins.

A general dissertation on the types of wet strength resins utilized in the paper art can be found in TAPPI monograph series No. 29, Wet Strength in Paper and Paperboard, Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry
25 (New York, 1965). The most useful wet strength resins have generally been cationic in character. For permanent wet strength generation, polyamide-epichlorohydrin resins are cationic wet strength resins have been found to be of particular utility. Suitable types of such resins are described in U.S. Patent No. 3,700,623 (Keim), issued October 24, 1972, and U.S. Patent No.
30 3,772,076 (Keim), issued November 13, 1973, both of which are incorporated by reference. One commercial source of a useful polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin is Hercules, Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware, which markets such resins under the mark Kymene® 557H.

Polyacrylamide resins have also been found to be of utility as wet
35 strength resins. These resins are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 3,556,932 (Coscia et al), issued January 19, 1971, and 3,556,933 (Williams et al), issued January 19, 1971, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. One

commercial source of polyacrylamide resins is American Cyanamid Co. of Stamford, Connecticut, which markets one such resin under the mark Parex® 631 NC.

5 Still other water-soluble cationic resins finding utility in this invention are urea formaldehyde and melamine formaldehyde resins. The more common functional groups of these polyfunctional resins are nitrogen containing groups such as amino groups and methylol groups attached to nitrogen. Polyethylenimine type resins can also find utility in the present invention. In addition, temporary wet strength resins such as Caldas 10 (manufactured by 10 Japan Carlit) and CoBond 1000 (manufactured by National Starch and Chemical Company) can be used in the present invention. It is to be understood that the addition of chemical compounds such as the wet strength and temporary wet strength resins discussed above to the pulp furnish is optional and is not necessary for the practice of the present invention.

15 In addition to wet strength additives, it can also be desirable to include in the papermaking fibers certain dry strength and lint control additives known in the art. In this regard, starch binders have been found to be particularly suitable. In addition to reducing linting of the finished tissue paper product, low levels of starch binders also impart a modest improvement in the dry 20 tensile strength without imparting stiffness that could result from the addition of high levels of starch. Typically the starch binder is included in an amount such that it is retained at a level of from about 0.01 to about 2%, preferably from about 0.1 to about 1%, by weight of the tissue paper.

In general, suitable starch binders for the present invention are 25 characterized by water solubility, and hydrophilicity. Although it is not intended to limit the scope of suitable starch binders, representative starch materials include corn starch and potato starch, with waxy corn starch known industrially as amioca starch being particularly preferred. Amioca starch differs from common corn starch in that it is entirely amylopectin, whereas 30 common corn starch contains both amylopectin and amylose. Various unique characteristics of amioca starch are further described in "Amioca - The Starch From Waxy Corn", H. H. Schopmeyer, Food Industries, December 1945, pp. 106-108 (Vol. pp. 1476-1478).

The starch binder can be in granular or dispersed form, the granular 35 form being especially preferred. The starch binder is preferably sufficiently cooked to induce swelling of the granules. More preferably, the starch granules are swollen, as by cooking, to a point just prior to dispersion of the

starch granule. Such highly swollen starch granules shall be referred to as being "fully cooked." The conditions for dispersion in general can vary depending upon the size of the starch granules, the degree of crystallinity of the granules, and the amount of amylose present. Fully cooked amioca starch, 5 for example, can be prepared by heating an aqueous slurry of about 4% consistency of starch granules at about 190°F (about 88°C) for between about 30 and about 40 minutes. Other exemplary starch binders that can be used include modified cationic starches such as those modified to have nitrogen containing groups, including amino groups and methylol groups attached to 10 nitrogen, available from National Starch and Chemical Company, (Bridgewater, New Jersey), that have previously been used as pulp furnish additives to increase wet and/or dry strength.

B. Lotion Composition.

15 The lotion compositions of the present invention are solid, or more often semisolid, at 20°C, i.e. at ambient temperatures. By "semisolid" is meant that the lotion composition has a rheology typical of pseudoplastic or plastic fluids. When no shear is applied, the lotion compositions can have the appearance of a semi-solid but can be made to flow as the shear rate is 20 increased. This is due to the fact that, while the lotion composition contains primarily solid components, it also includes some minor liquid components.

By being solid or semisolid at ambient temperatures, these lotion compositions do not have a tendency to flow and migrate into the interior of the tissue web to which they are applied. This means less lotion composition 25 is required for imparting softness and lotion-like feel benefits. It also means there less chance for debonding of the tissue paper that can potentially lead to decreases in tensile strength.

When applied to tissue paper, the lotion compositions of the present invention impart a soft, lubricious, lotion like feel to the user of the paper. 30 This particular feel has also been characterized as "silky", "slick", "smooth", etc. Such a lubricious, lotion-like feel is particularly beneficial for those having more sensitive skin due to chronic conditions such as skin dryness or hemorrhoids, or due to more transient conditions such as colds or allergies.

The lotion compositions of the present invention comprise: (1) an 35 emollient; (2) an immobilizing agent for the emollient; (3) optionally a hydrophilic surfactant; and (4) other optional components:

1. Emollient

The key active ingredient in these lotion compositions is one or more emollients. As used herein, an emollient is a material that softens, soothes, supple, coats, lubricates, moisturizes, or cleanses the skin. An emollient typically accomplishes several of these objectives such as soothing, moisturizing, and lubricating the skin. For the purposes of the present invention, these emollients have either a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C, i.e., at ambient temperatures. This particular emollient consistency allows the lotion composition to impart a soft, lubricious, lotion-like feel.

The emollients useful in the present invention are also substantially free of water. By "substantially free of water" is meant that water is not intentionally added to the emollient. Addition of water to the emollient is not necessary in preparing or using the lotion compositions of the present invention and could require an additional drying step. However, minor or trace quantities of water in the emollient that are picked as a result of, for example, ambient humidity can be tolerated without adverse effect. Typically, the emollients used in the present invention contain about 3% or less water, preferably about 1% or less water, most preferably about 0.5% or less water.

Emollients useful in the present invention can be petroleum-based, fatty acid ester type, alkyl ethoxylate type, or mixtures of these emollients. Suitable petroleum-based emollients include those hydrocarbons, or mixtures of hydrocarbons, having chain lengths of from 16 to 32 carbon atoms. Petroleum based hydrocarbons having these chain lengths include mineral oil (also known as "liquid petrolatum") and petrolatum (also known as "mineral wax," "petroleum jelly" and "mineral jelly"). Mineral oil usually refers to less viscous mixtures of hydrocarbons having from 16 to 20 carbon atoms. Petrolatum usually refers to more viscous mixtures of hydrocarbons having from 16 to 32 carbon atoms. Petrolatum is a particularly preferred emollient for lotion compositions of the present invention.

Suitable fatty acid ester type emollients include those derived from C₁₂-C₂₈ fatty acids, preferably C₁₆-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids, and short chain (C₁-C₈, preferably C₁-C₃) monohydric alcohols. Representative examples of such esters include methyl palmitate, methyl stearate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, and ethylhexyl palmitate. Suitable fatty acid ester emollients can also be derived from esters of longer chain fatty alcohols (C₁₂-C₂₈, preferably C₁₂-C₁₆) and shorter chain fatty acids e.g., lactic acid, such as lauryl lactate and cetyl lactate.

Suitable alkyl ethoxylate type emollients include C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty alcohol ethoxylates having an average of from 3 to 30 oxyethylene units, preferably from about 4 to about 23. Representative examples of such alkyl ethoxylates include laureth-3 (a lauryl ethoxylate having an average of 3 oxyethylene
5 units), laureth-23 (a lauryl ethoxylate having an average of 23 oxyethylene units), ceteth-10 (a cetyl ethoxylate having an average of 10 oxyethylene units) and steareth-10 (a stearyl ethoxylate having an average of 10 oxyethylene units). These alkyl ethoxylate emollients are typically used in combination with the petroleum-based emollients, such as petrolatum, at a
10 weight ratio of alkyl ethoxylate emollient to petroleum-based emollient of from about 1:1 to about 1:3, preferably from about 1:1.5 to about 1:2.5.

Besides petroleum-based emollients, fatty acid ester emollients and alkyl ethoxylate emollients, the emollients useful in the present invention can include minor amounts (e.g., up to about 10% of the total emollient) of other,
15 conventional emollients. These other, conventional emollients include propylene glycol, glycerine, triethylene glycol, spermaceti or other waxes, fatty acids, fatty alcohols and fatty alcohol ethers having from 12 to 28 carbon atoms in their fatty chain, such as stearic acid, cetyl alcohol, propoxylated fatty alcohols; glycerides, acetoglycerides, and ethoxylated glycerides of C₁₂-
20 C₂₈ fatty acids; other fatty esters of polyhydroxy alcohols; lanolin and its derivatives; and polysiloxanes having a viscosity at 20°C of from about 5 to about 2,000 centistokes such as disclosed in U.S. patent 5,059,282 (Ampulski et al), issued October 22, 1991, which is incorporated by reference. These other emollients should be included in a manner such that the solid or
25 semisolid characteristics of the lotion composition are maintained.

The amount of emollient that can be included in the lotion composition will depend on a variety of factors, including the particular emollient involved, the lotion-like benefits desired, the other components in the lotion composition and like factors. The lotion composition can comprise from
30 about 20 to about 95% of the emollient. Preferably, the lotion composition comprises from about 40 to about 80%, most preferably from about 50 to about 75%, of the emollient.

2. Immobilizing Agent

35 An especially key component of the lotion compositions of the present invention is an agent capable of immobilizing the emollient on the surface of the paper to which the lotion composition is applied. Because the emollient in

the composition has a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C, it tends to flow or migrate, even when subjected to modest shear. When applied to a tissue paper web, especially in a melted or molten state, the emollient will not remain primarily on the surface of the paper. Instead, the emollient will tend to

5 migrate and flow into the interior of the paper web.

This migration of the emollient into the interior of the web can cause undesired debonding of the paper by interfering with the normal hydrogen bonding that takes place between the paper fibers. This usually leads to a decrease in tensile strength of the paper. It also means much more emollient

10 has to be applied to the paper web to get the desired lubricious, lotion-like feel benefits. Increasing the level of emollient not only increases the cost, but also exacerbates the debonding problem of the paper .

The immobilizing agent counteracts this tendency of the emollient to migrate or flow by keeping the emollient primarily localized on the surface of

15 the tissue paper web to which the lotion composition is applied. This is believed to be due to the fact that the immobilizing agent forms hydrogen bonds with the tissue paper web. Through this hydrogen bonding, the immobilizing agent becomes localized on the surface of the paper. Since the immobilizing agent is also miscible with the emollient (or solubilized in the

20 emollient with the aid of an appropriate emulsifier), it entraps the emollient on the surface of the paper as well.

In addition to being miscible with (or solubilized in) the emollient, the immobilizing agent needs to have a melting point of at least about 40°C. This is so the immobilizing agent itself will not have a tendency to migrate or flow.

25 Preferred immobilizing agents will have melting points of at least about 50°C. Typically, the immobilizing agent will have a melting point in the range of from about 50° to about 150°C.

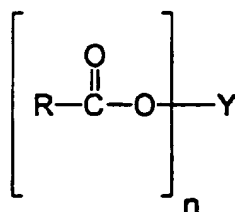
Suitable immobilizing agents for the present invention can comprise polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, polyhydroxy fatty acid amides, and mixtures

30 thereof. To be useful as immobilizing agents, the polyhydroxy moiety of the ester or amide has to have at least two free hydroxy groups. It is believed that these free hydroxy groups are the ones that co-crosslink through hydrogen bonds with the cellulosic fibers of the tissue paper web to which the lotion composition is applied and homo-crosslink, also through hydrogen bonds, the

35 hydroxy groups of the ester or amide, thus entrapping and immobilizing the other components in the lotion matrix. Preferred esters and amides will have three or more free hydroxy groups on the polyhydroxy moiety and are

typically nonionic in character. Because of the skin sensitivity of those using paper products to which the lotion composition is applied, these esters and amides should also be relatively mild and non-irritating to the skin.

Suitable polyhydroxy fatty acid esters for use in the present invention will have the formula:



wherein R is a C₅-C₃₁ hydrocarbyl group, preferably straight chain C₇-C₁₉ alkyl or alkenyl, more preferably straight chain C₉-C₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl, most preferably straight chain C₁₁-C₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl, or mixture thereof; Y is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl moiety having a hydrocarbyl chain with at least 2 free hydroxyls directly connected to the chain; and n is at least 1. Suitable Y groups can be derived from polyols such as glycerol, pentaerythritol; sugars such as raffinose, maltodextrin, galactose, sucrose, glucose, xylose, fructose, maltose, lactose, mannose and erythrose; sugar alcohols such as erythritol, xylitol, malitol, mannitol and sorbitol; and anhydrides of sugar alcohols such as sorbitan.

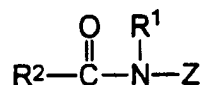
One class of suitable polyhydroxy fatty acid esters for use in the present invention comprises certain sorbitan esters, preferably the sorbitan esters of C₁₆-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids. Because of the manner in which they are typically manufactured, these sorbitan esters usually comprise mixtures of mono-, di-, tri-, etc. esters. Representative examples of suitable sorbitan esters include sorbitan palmitates (e.g., SPAN 40), sorbitan stearates (e.g., SPAN 60), and sorbitan behenates, that comprise one or more of the mono-, di- and tri-ester versions of these sorbitan esters, e.g., sorbitan mono-, di- and tri-palmitate, sorbitan mono-, di- and tri-stearate, sorbitan mono-, di and tri-behenate, as well as mixed tallow fatty acid sorbitan mono-, di- and tri-esters. Mixtures of different sorbitan esters can also be used, such as sorbitan palmitates with sorbitan stearates. Particularly preferred sorbitan esters are the sorbitan stearates, typically as a mixture of mono-, di- and tri-esters (plus some tetraester) such as SPAN 60, and sorbitan stearates sold under the trade

name GLYCOMUL-S by Lonza, Inc. Although these sorbitan esters typically contain mixtures of mono-, di- and tri-esters, plus some tetraester, the mono- and di-esters are usually the predominant species in these mixtures.

Another class of suitable polyhydroxy fatty acid esters for use in the present invention comprises certain glyceryl monoesters, preferably glyceryl monoesters of C₁₆-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids such as glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl monopalmitate, and glyceryl monobehenate. Again, like the sorbitan esters, glyceryl monoester mixtures will typically contain some di- and triester. However, such mixtures should contain predominantly the glyceryl monoester species to be useful in the present invention.

Another class of suitable polyhydroxy fatty acid esters for use in the present invention comprise certain sucrose fatty acid esters, preferably the C₁₂-C₂₂ saturated fatty acid esters of sucrose. Sucrose monoesters are particularly preferred and include sucrose monostearate and sucrose monolaurate.

Suitable polyhydroxy fatty acid amides for use in the present invention will have the formula:



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wherein R¹ is H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, methoxyethyl, methoxypropyl or a mixture thereof, preferably C₁-C₄ alkyl, methoxyethyl or methoxypropyl, more preferably C₁ or C₂ alkyl or methoxypropyl, most preferably C₁ alkyl (i.e., methyl) or methoxypropyl; and R² is a C₅-C₃₁ hydrocarbyl group, preferably straight chain C₇-C₁₉ alkyl or alkenyl, more preferably straight chain C₉-C₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl, most preferably straight chain C₁₁-C₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl, or mixture thereof; and Z is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl moiety having a linear hydrocarbyl chain with at least 3 hydroxyls directly connected to the chain. See U.S. patent 5,174, 927 (Honsa), issued December 29, 1992 (herein incorporated by reference) which discloses these polyhydroxy fatty acid amides, as well as their preparation.

The Z moiety preferably will be derived from a reducing sugar in a reductive amination reaction; most preferably glycityl. Suitable reducing sugars include glucose, fructose, maltose, lactose, galactose, mannose, and

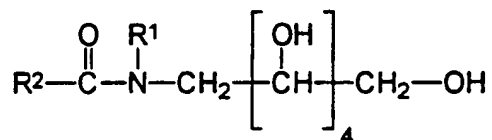
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xylose. High dextrose corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup, and high maltose corn syrup can be utilized, as well as the individual sugars listed above. These corn syrups can yield mixtures of sugar components for the Z moiety.

The Z moiety preferably will be selected from the group consisting of -
 5 CH₂-(CHOH)_n-CH₂OH, -CH(CH₂OH)-[(CHOH)_{n-1}]-CH₂OH, -CH₂OH-
 CH₂-(CHOH)₂(CHOR³)(CHOH)-CH₂OH, where n is an integer from 3 to 5,
 and R³ is H or a cyclic or aliphatic monosaccharide. Most preferred are the
 glycityls where n is 4, particularly -CH₂-(CHOH)₄-CH₂OH.

In the above formula, R¹ can be, for example, N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-
 10 propyl, N-isopropyl, N-butyl, N-2-hydroxyethyl, N-methoxypropyl or N-2-
 hydroxypropyl. R² can be selected to provide, for example, cocamides,
 stearamides, oleamides, lauramides, myristamides, capricamides,
 palmitamides, tallowamides, etc. The Z moiety can be 1-deoxyglucityl, 2-
 deoxyfructityl, 1-deoxymaltityl, 1-deoxylactityl, 1-deoxygalactityl, 1-
 15 deoxymannityl, 1-deoxymaltotriosityl, etc.

The most preferred polyhydroxy fatty acid amides have the general
 formula:



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wherein R¹ is methyl or methoxypropyl; R² is a C₁₁-C₁₇ straight-chain alkyl
 or alkenyl group. These include N-lauryl-N-methyl glucamide, N-lauryl-N-
 methoxypropyl glucamide, N-cocoyl-N-methyl glucamide, N-cocoyl-N-
 methoxypropyl glucamide, N-palmityl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide, N-
 25 tallowyl-N-methyl glucamide, or N-tallowyl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide.

As previously noted, some of the immobilizing agents require an
 emulsifier for solubilization in the emollient. This is particularly the case for
 certain of the glucamides such as the N-alkyl-N-methoxypropyl glucamides
 having HLB values of at least about 7. Suitable emulsifiers will typically
 30 include those having HLB values below about 7. In this regard, the sorbitan
 esters previously described, such as the sorbitan stearates, having HLB values
 of about 4.9 or less have been found useful in solubilizing these glucamide
 immobilizing agents in petrolatum. Other suitable emulsifiers include steareth-
 2 (polyethylene glycol ethers of stearyl alcohol that conform to the formula

$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{17}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OH}$, where n has an average value of 2), sorbitan tristearate, isosorbide laurate, and glyceryl monostearate. The emulsifier can be included in an amount sufficient to solubilize the immobilizing agent in the emollient such that a substantially homogeneous mixture is obtained. For example, an approximately 1:1 mixture of N-cocoyl-N-methyl glucamide and petrolatum that will normally not melt into a single phase mixture, will melt into a single phase mixture upon the addition of 20% of a 1:1 mixture of steareth-2 and sorbitan tristearate as the emulsifier.

The amount of immobilizing agent that should be included in the lotion composition will depend on a variety of factors, including the particular emollient involved, the particular immobilizing agent involved, whether an emulsifier is required to solubilize the immobilizing agent in the emollient, the other components in the the lotion composition and like factors. The lotion composition can comprise from about 5 to about 80% of the immobilizing agent. Preferably, the lotion composition comprises from about 5 to about 50%, most preferably from about 10 to about 40%, of the immobilizing agent.

3. Optional Hydrophilic Surfactant

In many instances, lotion compositions according to the present invention will be applied to tissue paper webs that will be used as toilet tissue. In such cases, it is highly desirable that the paper web treated with the lotion composition be sufficiently wettable. Depending upon the particular immobilizing agent used in the lotion composition of the present invention, an additional hydrophilic surfactant (or a mixture of hydrophilic surfactants) may, or may not, be required to improve wettability. For example, some immobilizing agents, such as N-cocoyl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide have HLB values of at least about 7 and are sufficiently wettable without the addition of hydrophilic surfactant. Other immobilizing agents such the sorbitan steirates having HLB values below about 7 will require addition of hydrophilic surfactant to improve wettability if the lotion composition is applied to paper webs used as toilet tissue.

Suitable hydrophilic surfactants will be miscible with the emollient and the immobilizing agent so as to form homogeneous mixtures. Because of the skin sensitivity of those using paper products to which the lotion composition is applied, these surfactants should also be relatively mild and non-irritating to the skin. Typically, these hydrophilic surfactants are nonionic to be not only

non-irritating to the skin, but also avoid other undesirable effects on the tissue paper, e.g., reductions in tensile strength.

Suitable nonionic surfactants will be substantially nonmigratory after the lotion composition is applied to the tissue paper web and will typically
5 have HLB values in the range of from about 8 to about 23. To be nonmigratory, these nonionic surfactants will typically have melt temperatures greater than the temperatures commonly encountered during storage, shipping, merchandising, and use of tissue paper products, e.g., at least about 30°C. In this regard, these nonionic surfactants will preferably have melting
10 points similar to those of the immobilizing agents previously described.

Suitable nonionic surfactants for use in lotion compositions of the present invention include alkylglycosides; alkylglycoside ethers as described in U.S. patent 4,011,389 (Langdon, et al), issued March 8, 1977; alkylpolyethoxylated esters such as Pegosperse 1000MS (available from
15 Lonza, Inc., Fair Lawn, New Jersey), ethoxylated sorbitan mono-, di- and/or tri-esters of C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty acids having an average degree of ethoxylation of from about 2 to about 20, preferably from about 2 to about 10, such as TWEEN 60 (sorbitan esters of stearic acid having a average degree of ethoxylation of about 20) and TWEEN 61 (sorbitan esters of stearic acid
20 having an average degree of ethoxylation of about 4), and the condensation products of aliphatic alcohols with from about 1 to about 54 moles of ethylene oxide. The alkyl chain of the aliphatic alcohol is typically in a straight chain (linear) configuration and contains from about 8 to about 22 carbon atoms. Particularly preferred are the condensation products of alcohols having an
25 alkyl group containing from about 11 to about 18 carbon atoms with from about 3 to about 30 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol. Examples of such ethoxylated alcohols include the condensation products of myristyl alcohol with 7 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol, the condensation products of coconut alcohol (a mixture of fatty alcohols having alkyl chains
30 varying in length from 10 to 14 carbon atoms) with about 6 moles of ethylene oxide. A number of suitable ethoxylated alcohols are commercially available, including TERGITOL 15-S-9 (the condensation product of C₁₁-C₁₅ linear alcohols with 9 moles of ethylene oxide), marketed by Union Carbide Corporation; KYRO EOB (condensation product of C₁₃-C₁₅ linear alcohols with 9 moles of ethylene oxide), marketed by The Procter & Gamble Co., the
35 NEODOL brand name surfactants marketed by Shell Chemical Co., in particular NEODOL 25-12 (condensation product of C₁₂-C₁₅ linear alcohols

with 12 moles of ethylene oxide) and NEODOL 23-6.5T (condensation product of C₁₂-C₁₃ linear alcohols with 6.5 moles of ethylene oxide that has been distilled (topped) to remove certain impurities), and especially the PLURAFAC brand name surfactants marketed by BASF Corp., in particular
5 PLURAFAC A-38 (a condensation product of a C₁₈ straight chain alcohol with 27 moles of ethylene oxide). (Certain of the hydrophilic surfactants, in particular ethoxylated alcohols such as NEODOL 25-12, can also function as alkyl ethoxylate emollients).

The amount of hydrophilic surfactant required to increase the
10 wettability of the lotion composition to a desired level will depend upon the HLB value and level of immobilizing agent used, the HLB value of the surfactant used and like factors. The lotion composition can comprise from about 2 to about 50% of the hydrophilic surfactant when needed to increase the wettability properties of the composition. Preferably, the lotion
15 composition comprises from about 2 to about 20%, most preferably from about 5 to about 15%, of the hydrophilic surfactant when needed to increase wettability.

4. Other Optional Components

20 Lotion compositions can comprise other optional components typically present in emollient, creams, and lotions of this type. These optional components include perfumes, disinfectant antibacterial actives, pharmaceutical actives, film formers, deodorants, opacifiers, astringents, solvents and the like. In addition, stabilizers can be added to enhance the shelf
25 life of the lotion composition such as cellulose derivatives, proteins and lecithin. All of these materials are well known in the art as additives for such formulations and can be employed in appropriate amounts in the lotion compositions of the present invention.

30 C. Treating Tissue Paper With Lotion Composition

In preparing lotioned paper products according to the present invention, the lotion composition is applied to at least one surface of a tissue paper web. Any of a variety of application methods that evenly distribute lubricious materials having a molten or liquid consistency can be used.
35 Suitable methods include spraying, printing (e.g., flexographic printing), coating (e.g., gravure coating), extrusion, or combinations of these application techniques, e.g. spraying the lotion composition on a rotating surface, such as

a calender roll, that then transfers the composition to the surface of the paper web. The lotion composition can be applied either to one surface of the tissue paper web, or both surfaces. Preferably, the lotion composition is applied to both surfaces of the paper web.

5 The manner of applying the lotion composition to the tissue paper web should be such that the web does not become saturated with the lotion composition. If the web becomes saturated with the lotion composition, there is a greater potential for debonding of the paper to occur, thus leading to a decrease in the tensile strength of the paper. Also, saturation of the paper web
10 is not required to obtain the softness and lotion-like feel benefits from the lotion composition of the present invention. Particularly suitable application methods will apply the lotion composition primarily to the surface, or surfaces of the paper web.

 The lotion composition can be applied to the tissue paper web after the
15 web has been dried, i.e. a "dry web" addition method. The lotion composition is applied in an amount of from about 2 to about 20% by weight of the tissue paper web. Preferably, the lotion composition is applied in an amount of from about 5 to about 15% by weight of the tissue paper web, most preferably from about 5 to about 10% by weight of the web. Such relatively low levels of
20 lotion composition are adequate to impart the desired softness and lotion-like feel benefits to the tissue paper, yet do not saturate the tissue paper web to such an extent that absorbency, wettability and particularly , strength, are substantially affected.

 The lotion composition can also be applied nonuniformly to the
25 surface(s) of the tissue paper web. By "nonuniform" is meant that the amount, pattern of distribution, etc. of the lotion composition can vary over the surface of the paper. For example, some portions of the surface of the tissue paper web can have greater or lesser amounts of lotion composition, including portions of the surface that do not have any lotion composition on it.

30 The lotion composition can be applied to the tissue paper web at any point after it has been dried. For example, the lotion composition can be applied to the tissue paper web after it has been creped from a Yankee dryer, but prior to calendering, i.e., before being passed through calender rolls. The lotion composition can also be applied to the paper web after it has passed
35 through such calender rolls and prior to being wound up on a parent roll. Usually, it is preferred to apply the lotion composition to the tissue paper as it

is being unwound from a parent roll and prior to being wound up on smaller, finished paper product rolls.

The lotion composition is typically applied from a melt thereof to the tissue paper web. Since the lotion composition melts at significantly above ambient temperatures, it is usually applied as a heated coating to the tissue paper web. Typically, the lotion composition is heated to a temperature in the range from about 35° to about 100°C, preferably from 40° to about 90°C, prior to being applied to the tissue paper web. Once the melted lotion composition has been applied to the tissue paper web, it is allowed to cool and solidify to form solidified coating or film on the surface of the paper.

In applying lotion compositions of the present invention to tissue paper webs, gravure coating and extrusion coating methods are preferred. Figure 1 illustrates one such preferred method involving gravure coating. Referring to Figure 1, a dried tissue web 1 is unwound from parent tissue roll 2 (rotating in the direction indicated by arrow 2a) and advanced around turning roll 4. From turning roll 4, web 1 is advanced to gravure coating station 6 where the lotion composition is then applied to both sides of the web. After leaving station 6, web 1 becomes a lotioned web indicated by 3. Lotioned web 3 is then advanced around turning roll 8 and then wound up on lotioned tissue parent roll 10 (rotating in the direction indicated by arrow 10a).

Station 6 comprises a pair of linked offset gravure presses 12 and 14. Press 12 consists of a lower gravure cylinder 16 and an upper offset cylinder 18; press 14 similarly consists of a lower gravure cylinder 20 and an upper offset cylinder 22. Gravure cylinders 16 and 20 each have a chrome plated surface, while offset cylinders 18 and 22 each have a polyurethane rubber surface. These gravure and offset cylinders rotate in the directions indicated by arrows 16a, 18a, 20a and 22a, respectively. As shown in Figure 1, offset cylinders 18 and 22 are opposed to one another and provide a nip area indicated by 23 through which web 1 passes.

Positioned beneath gravure cylinders 16 and 20 are fountain trays 24 and 26, respectively. Hot, molten (e.g., 65°C) lotion composition is pumped into each of these heated trays 24 and 26 to provide reservoirs of the molten lotion composition, as indicated arrows by 30 and 32, respectively. As gravure cylinders 16 and 20 rotate in the directions indicated by arrows 16a and 20a within reservoirs 30 and 32, they pick up a quantity of molten lotion composition. Excess lotion on each of the gravure cylinders 16 and 20 is then removed by doctor blades 34 and 36, respectively.

The lotion composition remaining on gravure cylinders 16 and 20 is then transferred to heated offset cylinders 18 and 22 (rotating in the opposite direction as indicated by arrows 18a and 22b) in nip areas 38 and 40 between the respective pairs of cylinders. The lotion composition transferred to offset cylinders 18 and 22 is then transferred to the opposite sides of web 1. The amount of lotion composition transferred to web 1 can be controlled by: (1) adjusting the width of nip area 23 between offset cylinders 18 and 22; and/or (2) adjusting the width of nip areas 38 and 40 between gravure/offset cylinder pairs 16/18 and 20/22.

Figure 2 illustrates an alternative preferred method involving slot extrusion coating. Referring to Figure 2, a dried tissue web 101 is unwound from parent tissue roll 102 (rotating in the direction indicated by arrow 102a) and then advanced around turning roll 104. From turning roll 104, web 101 is advanced to slot extrusion coating station 106 where the lotion composition is then applied to both sides of the web. After leaving station 106, web 101 becomes a lotioned web indicated by 103. Lotioned web 103 is then wound up on lotioned tissue parent roll 110 (rotating in the direction indicated by arrow 110a).

Station 106 comprises a pair of spaced slot extruders 112 and 114. Extruder 112 has an elongated slot 116 and a web contacting surface 118; extruder 114 similarly has an elongated slot 120 and a web contacting surface 122. As shown in Figure 2, extruders 112 and 114 are oriented such that surface 118 is in contact with one side of web 101, while surface 122 is in contact with the other side of web 101. Hot, molten (e.g., 65°C) lotion composition is pumped to each of extruders 112 and 114 and is then extruded through slots 116 and 120, respectively.

As web 101 passes over the heated surface 118 of extruder 112 and reaches slot 116, the molten lotion composition extruded from slot 116 is applied to the side of web 101 in contact with surface 118. Similarly, as web 101 passes over heated surface 122 of extruder 114 and reaches slot 120, the molten lotion composition extruded from slot 120 is applied to the side of web 101 in contact with surface 122. The amount of lotion composition transferred to web 101 is controlled by: (1) the rate at which the molten lotion composition is extruded from slots 116 and 122; and/or (2) the speed at which web 101 travels while in contact with surfaces 118 and 122.

**SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE PREPARATION OF LOTIONED
TISSUE PAPER ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT INVENTION**

The following are specific illustrations of treating tissue paper with lotion compositions in accordance with the present invention:

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Example 1

A. Preparation of Lotion Compositions

10 Two water free lotion compositions (Lotion A and Lotion B) are made by mixing the following melted (i.e., liquid) components together: Glycomul S-CG® (a mixed sorbitan stearate ester surfactant made by Lonza, Inc.); White Protopet® 1S (white petrolatum made by Witco Corp.), Plurafac® A-38 (a C₁₈ linear alcohol ethoxylate (27 moles of ethylene
15 oxide) made by BASF Corp.); and Aloe (in mineral oil by Dr. Madis Laboratories). The weight percentages of these components are shown in Table I below:

Table I

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Component	Lotion A	Lotion B
	Weight %	Weight %
Glycomul S-CG	36.1	44
White Protopet 1S	54.1	44
Plurafac A-38	8.8	11
Aloe	1	1

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

25 Lotions A or B are placed into a PAM 600S Spraymatic hot melt spray gun (made by PAM Fastening Technology, Inc.) operating at a temperature of 90°C. Twelve inch by 12 inch sheets of tissue paper substrate are spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of the substrate. The lotioned tissues are then placed in a 70°C convection oven for 30 seconds after each side are sprayed to remove volatile components.

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Example 2A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

5 A water free lotion composition (Lotion C) is made by mixing together the melted (i.e., liquid) components in the weight percentages shown in Table II below. The components are combined at room temperature in a 1 quart plastic container. The container is sealed and placed in an oven at 70°C until all components are melted. This melted mass is mixed/shaken thoroughly to produce a homogenous mixture. The resulting lotion
10 composition is maintained in a 70°C oven until ready for use.

Table II

Component	Weight %
Glycomul S-CG	23.3
White Protopet 1S	70.0
Plurafac A-38	5.7
Aloe	1

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B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion C is placed into a PAM 600S Spraymatic hot melt spray gun operating at a temperature of 90°C. A 12 inch by 12 inch sheet of tissue paper substrate is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of the
20 substrate. The lotioned tissue is placed in a 70°C convection oven for 30 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 325 A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

A water free lotion composition (Lotion D) is made by mixing together the melted (i.e., liquid) components in the weight percentages shown in the Table III below according to the procedure of Example 2:

Table III

Component	Weight %
Glycomul S-CG	23.3
Mineral Jelly No. 14*	70.0
Plurafac A-38	5.7
Aloe	1

*petrolatum made by Witco Corp.

5 B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion D is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 2. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 70°C convection oven for 30 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

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Example 4

A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

15 A water free lotion composition (Lotion E) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table IV below:

Table IV

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	35
Steareth-2**	10
C ₁₂₋₁₅ Pareth-12***	20
Sorbitan Tristearate****	10
N-cocoyl, N-methyl Glucamide*****	25

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*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Brij® 72 made by ICI American

***Neodol® 25-12 made by Shell

****Span® 65 made by ICI America

*****Made by P&G/Hatco

The petrolatum, steareth-2, sorbitan tristearate, and C₁₂₋₁₅ Pareth-12 are heated and stirred in a beaker. After this mixture has completely gone into solution, the N-methyl, N-cocoyl glucamide is added. Heating and stirring are continued until all of the N-methyl, N-cocoyl glucamide goes into solution (temperature of about 250°F at this point).

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion E is placed into a PAM 600S Spraymatic hot melt spray gun operating at a temperature of 74°C. The paper tissue substrate is spray coated at a level of about 0.151 gms/ft² on each side. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 55°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

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Example 5

A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

A water free lotion composition (Lotion F) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table V below according to the procedure of Example 4:

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Table V

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	30
Steareth-2**	10
C ₁₂₋₁₅ Pareth-12***	25
Sorbitan Tristearate****	10
N-cocoyl, N-methyl Glucamide*****	25

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*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Brij® 72 made by ICI American

***Neodol® 25-12 made by Shell

****Span® 65 made by ICI America

*****Made by P&G/Hatco

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B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion F is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 55°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 6**10 A. Preparation of Lotion Composition**

A water free lotion composition (Lotion G) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table VI below according to the procedure of Example 4:

15 Table VI

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	65
Isosorbide Laurate**	10
Sorbitan Tristearate***	15
N-cocoyl, N-methyl Glucamide****	10

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Arlamol® ISML made by ICI America

****Span® 65 made by ICI America

20 *****Made by P&G/Hatco

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion G is spray coated on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 55°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 7A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

5 A water free lotion composition (Lotion H) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table VII below :

Table VII

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	48.4
(POE-4) Sorbitan Stearate**	15
Steareth-10***	29.1
Sorbitan Stearate****	6.5
Aloe	1

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

10 **Tween® 61 from ICI America

***Brij® 76 from ICI America

****Glycomul S-CG® from Lonza

15 The petrolatum, (POE-4) sorbitan stearate, steareth-10, sorbitan stearate, and aloe are heated and stirred in a beaker. After this mixture has completely gone into solution (about 71°C), it was used in preparing lotioned tissue.

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

20 Melted Lotion H is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 65°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 825 A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

A water free lotion composition (Lotion I) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table VIII below according to the procedure of Example 7:

Table VIII

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	41.5
(POE-4) Sorbitan Stearate**	12.0
Steareth-10***	20.0
Sorbitan Stearate****	15.0
Paraffin*****	10.0
Aloe	1.0
Silicone emulsion*****	0.5

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Tween® 61 from ICI America

***Brij 76® from ICI America

****Glycomul® S-CG from Lonza

*****Shellwax® 100 from National Wax

*****Dow Corning® 65 additive from Dow Corning

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10 B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion I is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 65°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

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Example 9

A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

20 A water free lotion composition (Lotion J) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table IX below according to the procedure of Example 7:

Table IX

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	49.0
(POE-4) Sorbitan Stearate**	10.0
Ceteth-10***	25.0
Sorbitan Stearate****	15.0
Aloe	1.0

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Tween® 61 from ICI America

***Brij 56® from ICI America

****Glycomul® S-CG from Lonza

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion J is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 65°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 10

A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

A water free lotion composition (Lotion K) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table X below according to the procedure of Example 7:

Table X

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	54.4
C ₁₂₋₁₅ Pareth-12**	10.0
Sorbitan Stearate***	34.6
Aloe	1.0

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

**Neodol® 25-12 made by Shell

***Glycomul® S-CG from Lonza

*****Shellwax® 100 from National Wax

B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion K is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 65°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

Example 11

A. Preparation of Lotion Composition

A water free lotion composition (Lotion L) is made from the following components in the amounts shown in Table XI below according to the procedure of Example 1:

Table XI

Component	Weight %
Petrolatum*	48
(POE-20) Sorbitan Stearate**	7
Steareth-10***	29
Sorbitan Stearate****	15
Aloe	1

*White Protopet® 1S from Witco

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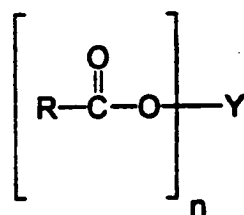
B. Preparation of Lotioned Tissue by Hot Melt Spraying

Melted Lotion L is spray coated to the desired lotion level on each side of a paper tissue substrate according to the procedure of Example 4. The lotioned tissue is then placed in a 65°C convection oven for 15 seconds after each side is sprayed to remove volatile components.

What is claimed is:

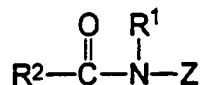
1. A lotion composition for treating tissue paper which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and characterized in that it comprises:
 - (A) from 20 to 95%, preferably from 40 to 80%, of a substantially water free emollient, preferably having 1% or less water, and having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C and comprising a member selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients, fatty acid ester emollients, alkyl ethoxylate emollients, and mixtures thereof;
 - (B) from 5 to 80%, preferably from 5 to 50%, of an agent capable of immobilizing said emollient on the surface of tissue paper treated with the lotion composition, said immobilizing agent preferably being nonionic and having a melting point of at least 40°C, preferably at 50°C, and comprising a member selected from the group consisting of polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, polyhydroxy fatty acid amides, and mixtures thereof, wherein the polyhydroxy moiety of the ester or amide has at least two free hydroxy groups; and
 - (C) optionally from 2 to 50%, preferably from 2 to 20%, of a hydrophilic surfactant having an HLB value of at least 7, preferably from 8 to 23.
2. The lotion composition of Claim 1 characterized in that said emollient comprises a petroleum based emollient selected from the group consisting of mineral oil and petrolatum, preferably petrolatum.
3. The lotion composition of Claim 1 characterized in that said emollient comprises a fatty acid ester emollient selected from the group consisting of methyl palmitate, methyl stearate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, ethylhexyl palmitate, lauryl lactate and cetyl lactate.
4. The lotion composition of Claim 1 characterized in that said emollient comprises an alkyl ethoxylate emollient selected from the group consisting of C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty alcohol ethoxylates having an average of from 3 to 30 oxyethylene units, preferably selected from the group consisting of lauryl, cetyl, and stearyl ethoxylates having an average of from 4 to 23 oxyethylene units.

5. The lotion composition of Claim 4 characterized in that it comprises a combination of said alkyl ethoxylates and petrolatum in a weight ratio of from 1:1.5 to 1:2.5.
6. The lotion composition of any of Claims 1 to 5 characterized in that said immobilizing agent comprises a polyhydroxy fatty acid ester having the formula:



wherein R is a C₅-C₃₁ hydrocarbyl group; Y is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl moiety having a hydrocarbyl chain with at least 2 free hydroxyls directly connected to the chain; and n is at least 1, said polyhydroxy fatty acid ester preferably being selected from the group consisting of sorbitan esters of C₁₆-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids, glyceryl monoesters of C₁₆-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids, and sucrose esters of C₁₂-C₂₂ saturated fatty acids, more preferably from the group consisting of sorbitan palmitates, sorbitan stearates, sorbitan behenates, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl monopalmitate, glyceryl monobehenate, sucrose monostearate, and sucrose monolaurate, most preferably sorbitan stearates.

7. The lotion composition of any of Claims 1 to 6 characterized in that said hydrophilic surfactant comprises an ethoxylated alcohol having a straight alkyl chain of from 8 to 22 carbon atoms and from 1 to 54 moles of ethylene oxide, said ethoxylated alcohol preferably having a straight alkyl chain of from about 11 to about 18 carbon atoms and from about 3 to about 30 moles of ethylene oxide.
8. The lotion composition of any of Claims 1 to 6 characterized in that said hydrophilic surfactant comprises an ethoxylated sorbitan ester of a C₁₂-C₁₈ fatty acid having an average degree of ethoxylation of from 2 to 20, said ethoxylated sorbitan ester preferably having an average degree of ethoxylation of from 2 to 10.
9. The lotion composition of any of Claims 1 to 5 characterized in that said immobilizing agent comprises a polyhydroxy fatty acid amide having the formula:



wherein R^1 is H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, methoxyethyl, methoxypropyl or a mixture thereof, preferably N-methyl, N-ethyl, N-propyl, N-isopropyl, N-butyl, N-2-hydroxyethyl, N-methoxypropyl or N-2-hydroxypropyl; R^2 is a C_5 - C_{31} hydrocarbyl group, preferably straight chain C_{11} - C_{17} alkyl or alkenyl, or mixture thereof; and Z is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl moiety having a linear hydrocarbyl chain with at least 3 hydroxyls directly connected to the chain, preferably glycetyl, said polyhydroxy fatty acid amide selected from the group consisting of N-lauryl-N-methyl glucamide, N-lauryl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide, N-cocoyl-N-methyl glucamide, N-cocoyl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide, N-palmityl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide, N-tallowyl-N-methyl glucamide, and N-tallowyl-N-methoxypropyl glucamide.

10. A lotioned tissue paper having applied to at least one surface thereof, in an amount of from 2 to 20%, preferably from 5 to 15%, by weight of the dried tissue paper, the lotion composition of any of Claims 1 to 9.

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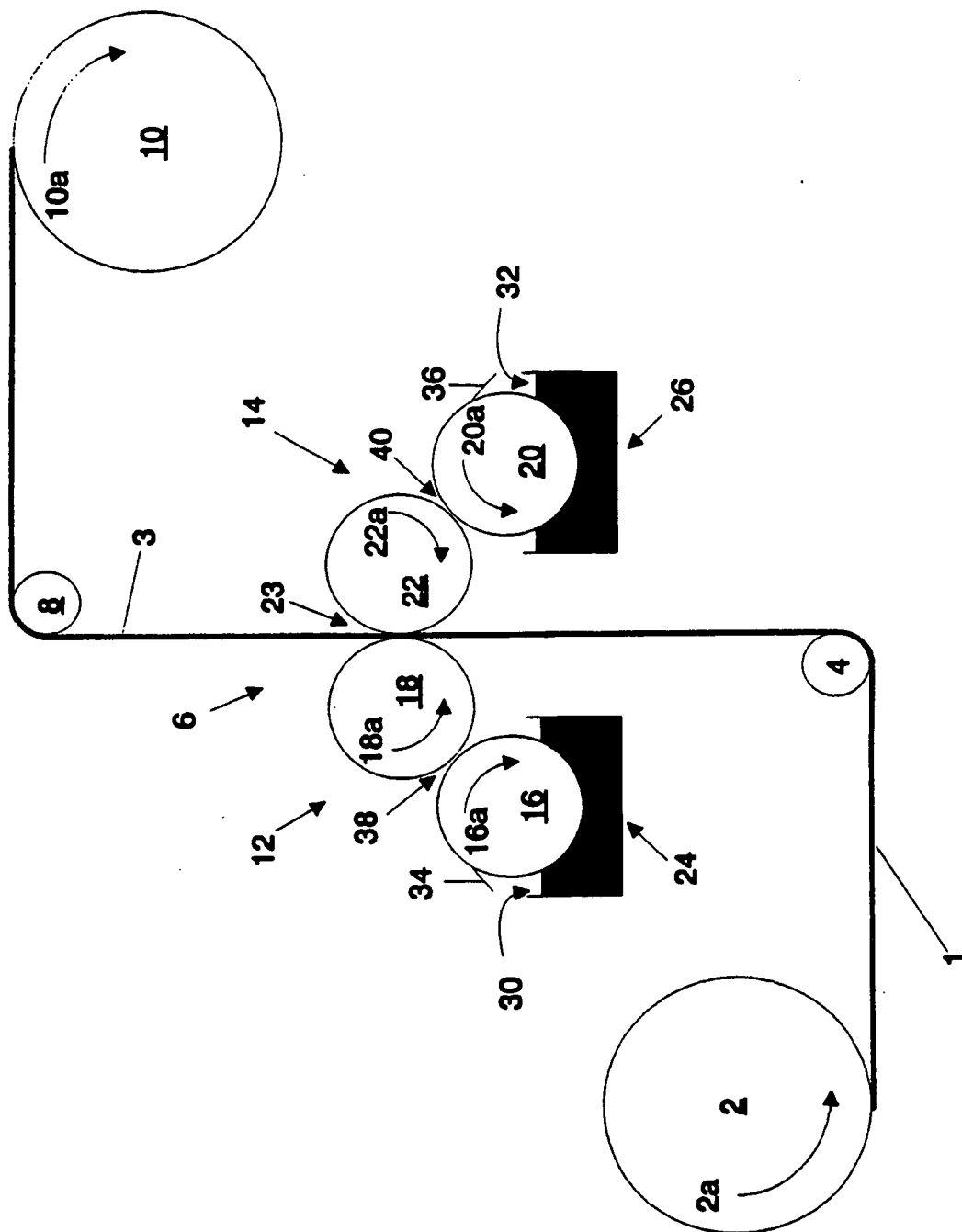


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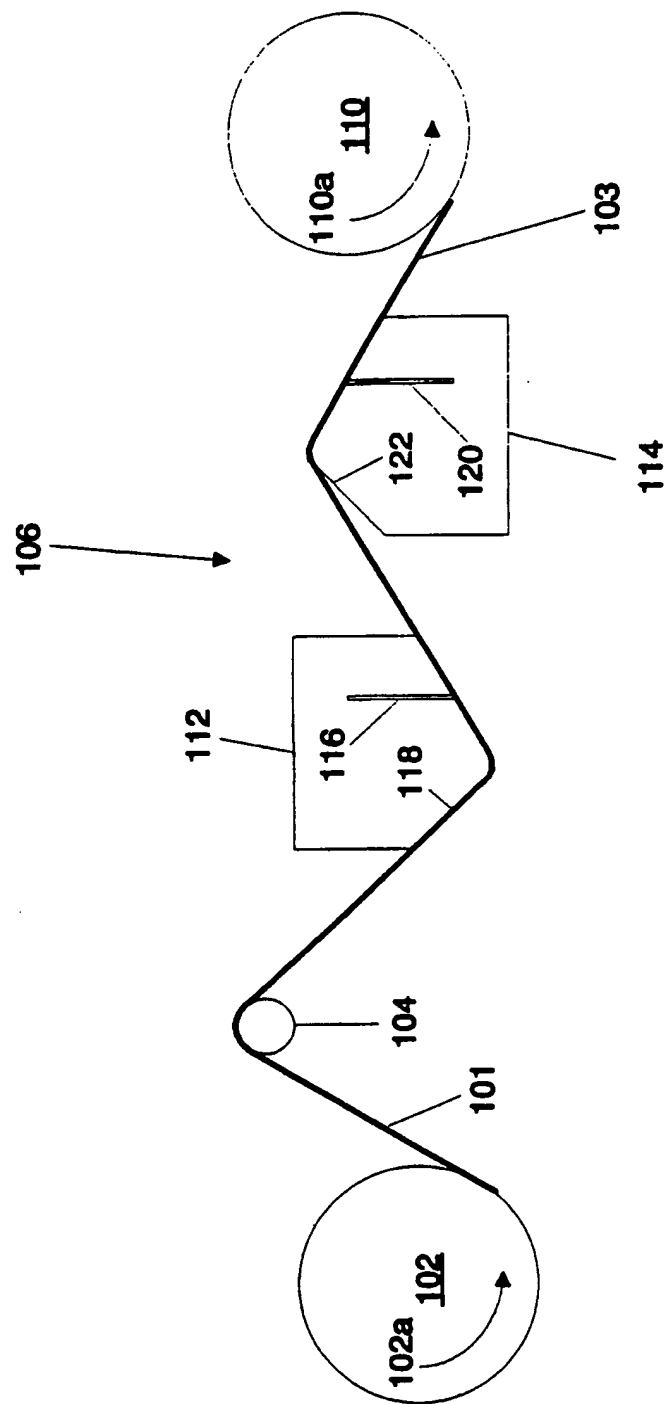


Figure 2

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